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OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT

East Zone Connectivity and Restoration Project
USDA Forest Service

Truckee Ranger District, Tahoe National Forest &
Carson Ranger District, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
Nevada, Placer, and Sierra Counties, California

As the Responsible Official, Forest Supervisor Eli Ilano has prepared a draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) for the East Zone Connectivity and Restoration Project. The draft DN/FONSI selects Alternative 1 (Proposed Action), which proposes management actions to:

1) replace fixed wet weather seasonal closures in the Verdi Ridge area with a wet weather operating plan; 2) construct 71 miles of motorized single track trail; 3) reroute approximately 2 miles of existing roads and trails; 4) make changes to the National Forest Transportation System (NFTS) including designating approximately 35.5 miles of existing non-motorized trails as open for Class 1 e-bikes, , adding approximately 1.7 miles of existing unauthorized routes to the NFTS, converting 0.7 miles of road to trail, changing maintenance levels on approximately 3.7 miles of road, and decommissioning 9 road segments (approximately 5.3 miles); 5) decommission 41 miles of unauthorized user created road and trail; 6) improve or develop 11 staging areas for recreation; 7) install or improve gates, boulders, barriers, and signage; 8) construct one bridge; and 9) treat 40 acres of invasive plant infestations. The draft DN/FONSI and the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the East Zone Connectivity and Restoration Project is available online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57704> or by contacting the Truckee Ranger District, 10811 Stockrest Springs Road, Truckee, California, 96161; phone (530) 587-3558. For additional information about the Project, please contact John Groom or John Brokaw at the Truckee Ranger District address and phone number above.

This proposed decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who submitted project-specific written comments during scoping or other designated comment period. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated comment period(s).

Objections must be submitted within **45 days** following the publication of a legal notice in The Union newspaper (Grass Valley). The date of the legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9).

Objections must be submitted to the reviewing officer: Randy Moore, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service; Attn: East Zone Connectivity and Restoration Project – Tahoe NF; 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592; phone (707) 562-8737. Objections may be submitted via mail, FAX (707-562-9229), or delivered during business hours (M-F 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.). Electronic objections, in common (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats, may be submitted to: objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us with Subject: East Zone Connectivity and Restoration Project – Tahoe NF. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to an electronic message, a verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

Objections must include (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) project name, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s); 5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve, your objections; and, 6) description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments. Incorporate documents by reference only as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b).

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